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At the time of filing, the above-identified patent application erroneously claimed small entity status. Applicants hereby submit that this error occurred without any fraudulent intent and through error. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c), Applicants hereby authorize that Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080 be charged in the amount \$683.00 (based on the 2002/2003 fee schedule) which represents the difference between the amount previously charged to Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080 (\$683.00) on August 20, 2003 and the filing fee based on large entity status.

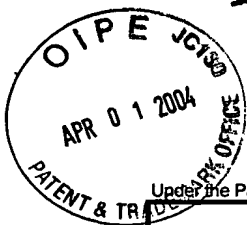
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